



AN EXACT

## JOURNAL

OF THE

## Siege of Tangier.



ORDERS were issued by the Lord *Inchiquin*, General of *Thursday*, the Place, for a Captain, Lieutenant, Ensign, and two *Mar. 25.* Serjeants, with Seventy private Souldiers, to be sent to 1680. the Assistance of *Charles Fort*, then surrounded with multitudes of *Moors*, both Horse and Foot, who falling to their late way of Intrenching, and having not long before made some small Works from *Kendal Fort* to *Pond Fort*, with some inconsiderable Works betwixt *Charles Fort* and *Henrietta Fort*, as also an additional Line towards their old Lines upon *Trivet Hill*, pointing streight towards *Charles Fort*, they this night advanced their Line from *Kendal Fort* as far as the Pond under *Pond Fort*, and a little farther under the Hill, and that upon *Trivet Hill* within Cast of a Hand-Grabado of our Stockado's, and that towards *Henrietta Fort* within half Musquet-shot of *Charles Fort*. Our small firing did not much disturb them, by reason of their being always under Ground, they not firing scarce one Shot in 24 Hours.

They worked very hard in every one of the aforesaid Trenches, still *Friday, 26.* under covert, till such time as it begun to be dark. The next morning they had advanced all the Trenches from *Pond Fort*, to the Brink of a little Hill pointing towards our Lines of Communication, betwixt us and the Castle, the other two not much medled withall.

The Workmen that wrought all that night retired to their Intrenchments before day, because the Earth thrown up that night was not sufficient to shelter them from our Shot in the day time, and to break up new Ground they durst not. The same night all we can find they did, was making a cross Trench near the Pond, by reason the former being troubled with water they could not pass to relieve their Guards. *Satur. 27.*

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- Sunday,*  
*May. 28.* They wrought so hard all night, that they extended their Trenches from *Pond Fort* in two Branches near to the Brink of the Hill, and withall made a Blind with Stones from that of *Tiviot-Hill*, in so much that not a Gun we had could bear upon them; from whence they fired abundance of Shot, without exposing themselves to any danger, and winded their Trenches to pass betwixt us and *Henrietta Fort*.
- Mond. 29.* In so much that they cut a Gap in our old Lines of Communication. At night, so soon as dark, they put all hands to work to mark out their Ground. Being a very clear night, by reason of Moon-shine, we could very clearly discern them in great numbers. We kept small firing from Nine of the clock 'till the Moon set, and made them desist their Work.
- Tuesd. 30.* In the morning, before day, they began to work again, and brought up three Lines a-breast, and wrought so hard that day, that they brought their Lines very near the brink of the Hill, betwixt us and *Peterborough Tower*; and the other, near our Lines of *Henrietta*.  
The same day we erected upon our left hand Battery, a Cavallier, at least in height thirty foot above ground, which would contain eight or nine Men very well to fire from, and discover the bottom of a great many of their Lines, to the *Moors* great amazement.  
That night they exposed themselves to our sight, but our Shot did much abate their Work.
- Wedn. 31.* They continued their Work very hard all day, and about Three of the clock pitched eight of their Colours in their Lines, *viz.* one all Red under *Kendal*, four with Yellow striped within Pistol shot betwixt us and *Henrietta Fort*, as also one all Green, and two all Red.  
Captain *Trelawney*, our then Governour, planting his Guns towards them, very happily shot down one of their Colours, the Green, and tore another of them, so that they were forced to remove them.  
They continued working 'till six or seven of the clock, but did not work one stroke all night.
- Thursday,*  
*April 1.* This morning we espied their Army marching over the Hill in great Bodies, both Horse and Foot, Colours flying, but to what intent we knew not. About three of the clock in the Afternoon they all returned, and pitched up their Colours in some of the former places, and towards Sun-set fell to their work again, so that the Trenches on that side nearest *Pond Fort*, before Sun-rising, were advanced within sight of our Lines of Communication; and on the other side, entred our Line betwixt us and *Henrietta*.
- Friday, 2.* They continued their work on both sides, which they advanced very near to the Breach of our Communication.
- Sat. Sund.*  
3. 4. They advanced their Lines on *Henrietta* side, one passing towards the Rock, another towards our Line, to meet their other Line betwixt us and *Peterborough Tower*, and had ten Colours pitched flying in their Lines.
- Mond. 5.* They advanced their Line close to our Lines of Communication, and upon the other side, towards *Henrietta*, to the Top of the Hill, that we could not pass, either to or from the Town.
- Tuesd. 6.* They cut through our Line.
- Wednesd. 7.* They continued their work, so that at night their two Lines met between us and the Town.

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*Saturday 10.* We perceived between us and *Henrietta* some sorts of Engines made by the Enemy to run upon wheels, whether it was to shelter them from our shot in time of their work, or otherwise, we could not well judge. The same day happen'd a discontent among our men for want of Wine, with their Bergoo, very near to the height of Mutiny.

*Sunday 11.* The Truckles they set up betwixt us and *Henrietta*, but our Guns playing well upon them, forced them to remove them the same night. About 8 a clock at night they attacked *Henrietta*; our men did ply their Small-shot and Granadoes till 3 a clock in the morning, and defended the place with much Bravery: But what they got for their pains, we could not discover.

*Monday 12.* They rested all day and night, without any attempt to our view.

*Tuesday 13.* The *Moors* attempted little or nothing, save setting up their Colours, to the number of 17 or 18, betwixt us and *Peterburgh Tower*.

*Wednesday 14.* About one or two a clock it fell a Raining, which troubled their Trenches, insomuch that they were cleansing them all night.

*Thursday 15.* From the Truckle set up for a Blind betwixt us and *Henrietta*, they digged a Trench towards the foundation of *Henrietta*, and continued working very hard.

*Friday 16.* They continued working all along their Line betwixt *Henrietta* and *Pond Fort*, making places of Armes in several places of their Lines, their Drum beating like a Cooper upon a Tub, and Pipe playing for most part of the time. Last night Captain *St. John* speaking to our Governour in Town in the Speaking-Trumpet, the *Moors* fell a hallowing and shouting all along their Lines.

*Saturday 17.* They continued their work in making their Trenches deeper; they proceeded little or no farther to any purpose this day. We made use of our Hand-Granadoes out of a small Mortar-piece, which threw some of them into their Trenches amongst their Colours. This night they made a Blind of Stones upon their Trenches, about a mans height, whether for their own, or Colours shelter, we could not certainly tell, but supposed both.

*Monday 19.* They continued working on each side, particularly towards *Henrietta*, as if they intended to Gap.

*Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,* Little or no extraordinary Business was acted by them, save the cleansing of their Trenches, with the augmentation of a small Line between *Charles Fort* and *Henrietta* Lines of Communication.

*Friday 23.* At night the *Moors* cut another small Trench through the *Bullet Store*, betwixt us, and their former Trenches: Little or nothing else was acted by them, saving their bringing a great deal of Timber, but for what use is not yet known.

*Saturday 24.* The *Moors* cut our Lines betwixt their Trenches and *Peterborough Tower* into gaps, at 5 or 6 yards distance each gap, and took away their Blind upon the little Hill near *Pond Fort*, and cast up the Earth in the form of a Half Round, and likewise advanced that Trench begun the night before in the *Bullet-store* about 20 yards towards the *Henrietta*.

*Sunday, Monday, Tuesday,* They wrought little or nothing. They sent a Flag of Truce with a *French-man* and an *English-man* from *Tetuan*, to tell us, that they had undermin'd all our Forts, and if we would not yield our selves Prisoners at VVar, every one of us to be Slaves; they would set Fire to their Gun-powder within an hour, which was all the time they would allow for an Answer; and for our satisfaction, brought a *Seguro* from the *Alcaide* for some of our Men to view the readiness of their Mines: VVe sent two of our Miners, who returning within the limited time, and the *Moors* having the Answer of our Commanders in Chief, *That we would stand it out to the last*; They sprung their Mine between 3 and 4 a Clock without any damage to us, (God be praised.)

*Friday 30.* They did little or nothing, save cleansing their Trenches of some Rain that fell the night before; and this morning they removed all their Colours to the number of 17 or 18, out of their Trenches, which had stood night and day ever since the 31<sup>th</sup> of *March* last.

*Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday and Wednesday,* They did attempt little or nothing, save making a small Line between the *Bullet-store*, and our Line from *Henrietta*, I believe for Loop-holes to fire out of, their other Trenches being so deep since the time the Rain has continued so violent, that they were troublesome to them.

*Thursday, May 6.* They brought the small Trenches next us to meet, and cut some of our old Lines betwixt us and *Henrietta*, heightning their Trenches in the bottom by *Kendal Fort*, where our Shot did much trouble them in mounting their Guards, by reason their former Trenches were full of Water.

*Saturday, May 8.* They swarm'd from their Camp into their Trenches, as we thought to the number of 400 or 500, who fell to cleansing their Trenches of the Rain. About Two a Clock in the Afternoon, we spy'd them halting Carriages of great Guns along *Jews River*, which they placed on a little Hill near to *Henrietta*, from whence they fired their Shot 5 or 6 times against the place: We understand by some of their Balls that went into Town, that they were not much above two pound, which we thought would come as short of Battering down any of our Forts, as their Mine came short of blowing up *Charles Fort*.

*Sunday, May 9.* Our People from *Henrietta* called to us, that they could hold out no longer, by reason that the *Moors* had made a Breach in their Wall, and that their Mine was under their Fort. At night Captain *St. John* declar'd the same to our Governour his Excellency the Earl of *Inchiquin* for his better satisfaction.

*Monday*



*Monday, May 10.* A Flag of Truce came out of Town, as we thought with some Letters, which was received by the *Moors*; and answer was given in the same manner; which caused the *Alcuid* to draw down all his Forces upon the Lines, and place them one by another like so many Sheep, as we thought, to the number of 5 or 6000, the result not yet known. They likewise began Three more Trenches; One inclining to pass through the *Bullet-Hore*, between our Fort and the rest of their Line; another from *Henrietta*, pointing straight towards us; the Third from the brink of the Hill where they sprung the last Mine, and as we think, laid the Foundation of Three other Mines, which we hoped to be to as little effect as the first.

*Tuesday and Wednesday.* From every one of the *Moors* former Trenches, they seemed to Mine against us; insomuch that by reason thereof, and their covering themselves with Boards, we found our selves not in a condition to resist them.

*Thursday, May 12.* We fell into a Consultation among our selves; and considering on one side, that our Men had declar'd, that if they were not relieved in three days, they would leave us there: and on the other side, our having refused their giving us quarter, which we could not expect, if they forced us out; by that means likewise our Guns might be taken, without being spiked and wedged, which would be a great Assistance to them to batter the Town; weresolved to quit the Fort on *Friday*, and Fight our way through; whereupon we spiked and wedged all our great Guns, broke and made useless all the rest of our Ammunition of Warr, putting them amongst our Powder which we made ready to Blow up so soon as we should be gone out of the Fort; which we abandoned about 7 or 8 of the Clock, but we found their Trenches so deep that we could not make the defence we expected; so that from a 170 odd men we brought off but 44, Captain *Trelawney* being cut to pieces amongst the rest.

*The Town made a Sally at the same time to favour us, as follows:*  
*Forlorn Hope,*

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| Captain <i>Humes,</i>       | 4. Serjeants, |
| Lieutenant <i>Pierston,</i> | 80 Soldiers.  |
| Lieutenant <i>Bagley.</i>   |               |

Main Body 150 yards in the Reer of the *Forlorn Hope:*

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| Major <i>Boynston,</i>    | Lieutenant <i>Bellinger,</i> |
| Captain <i>Gyles,</i>     | Ensign <i>Dean,</i>          |
| Captain <i>Eley,</i>      | Ensign <i>Adams.</i>         |
| Captain <i>Winkefeld,</i> | 8 Serjeants,                 |
| Lieutenant <i>Talbot,</i> | 128 Soldiers.                |
| Lieutenant <i>Grimes,</i> |                              |

Reserve 100 yards in the Reer of the Main Body.

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| Captain <i>Munereff,</i> | Ensign <i>Withers,</i> |
| Captain <i>Barber,</i>   | 4 Serjeants,           |
| Lieutenant <i>Tate,</i>  | 104 Soldiers, 6 deep.  |
| Ensign <i>Bowen,</i>     |                        |

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On the Right of the Reer towards the *Burying place* 40 yards.  
 Captain *Lestey*, 3 *Serjeants*,  
 Lievtenant *Ogleby*, 66 *Soldiers*.  
 Ensign *Winkefeld*,

In the *Ravellin* without *Peterborough Tower*.  
 Captain *Row*, 4 *Serjeants*,  
 Lievtenant *Fitzgerald*, 66 *Soldiers*.  
 Ensign *Bowen*,

The *Pallizado* without the *Ravellin* was lined with Seamen,  
 Commanded by Lievtenant *Sprag*, and Lievtenant *Fox*.

The Sally was at 8 a Clock in the Morning, and the men of *Charles Fort* were to begin, and our *Forlorne* Commanded by Captain *Humes*, was to Advance to the Enemies Trench, and the other Captains to advance according to their several posturs.

After this Action was over, the *Moors* took our Guns that were in *Charles Fort*, and unspik'd them, & clear'd them; and with them began to play upon *Pole Fort* and the Town: Upon which the Governour call'd a Councel of *Officers* to consult what was best to be done, and finding that we could not maintain *Pole Fort*, and if we should not abandon it, we should lose 100 men with three *Officers*: We sent and Treated with the *Alcade*, being resolved to quit *Pole Fort*, and *Norwood Redoubt* with as much Honour as possibly we could at that time. The *Alcade* concented to let us carry off our Ammunition and our *Pallizadoes*, and agreed to a Cessation for four Months, in which time in all likelihood they will be content to consent to an Honourable Peace.

The Out-limets are agreed on by each party how far we shall go, and no further.

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## LETTER

FROM

## Tangier-Bay

The 17th of May, 1680.

ON Thursday the 13th instant at night, calm, Captain *Trelawny* called to the Town, by a Speaking Trumpet, acquainting my Lord *Inchiquin*, they could no longer defend themselves, the *Moors* having several Mines, and that his Men mutinied, so that they designed to quit *Charles* Fort next morning at Eight of the Clock, and endeavour their Escape to the Town; my Lord desired them to be ready at Six, they answered they could not be ready before Seven. My Lord called two Councils of War, and it was agreed to make a Sally at the same hour to assist their retreat, and ordered that Captain *Geo. Humes*, second Captain of the 4 *Scotch* Companies which came from *Ireland* in the *James* and *Swan* Frigats, should Command the Forlorn hope of about 80 men to attacque the Trenches, and Major *Boynnton*, Captain *Giles*, &c. to Command the main Body which lay half way between the Trenches and the Palafado under *Peterborough* Tower, and 2 Lieutenants to Command Parties in each Flank of the Forlorn-hope, the Reserve placed within the Spure and Palafado, Commanded by Lieutenant *Spragg*, being Seamen; and the *Bonnetta* Sloop, two *Bark-alongoes* and Ships Boats at the same time, to be near *Giles* Fort near *Whitby*, in which was 13 men (to endeavour to bring off the Vice-Admiral and Sea Commanders being in the Sloop.) *Henrietta* Fort it seems Capitulated 2 or 3 days before, the *Moors* carrying them fresh Water and Milk, yet

kept the Men entire in the Fort until they pleased to take them out, having Mined under them, which being unknown to the Town or *Charles Fort*, the latter still by their Trumpet told them their design, which it's believed might give the *Moors* some notice of their leaving their Forts though spoken in *Irish*; the 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 in the morning the Garrison quitted *Charles Fort*, being one hundred seventy six men, and Captain *Irelawny's* little boy, leaving the Guns double shotted, spiked and wedged with steel, as also one little Morter-piece, but put their Ammunition and best things into the Mine, with a train of Powder and 2 Inches of Match lighted, one Inch being spent before they got out of the Gate, and by their coming into the *Moors* first Trenches the Mine sprang, they got well over 2 Trenches, but that next to the Town being deepest, was at least 14 Foot with water and durt in the bottom, by reason of the late Rains; the first that came in to it, some got over by the help of the other, and so escaped meeting with places not so difficult, but notwithstanding Captain *Geo. Humes* with the Forlorn-hope behaved themselves very bravely, clearing the Trenches with hand Grana- does, yet no more but 39 came off, the rest being cut in pieces in the great Trench, save 14 and the little Boy, whom they took alive: Amongst the slain was Captain *Irelawny*, who brought up the Rear, and was kill'd in helping the little Boy up (as is said.) Captain *St. John* got over first, but was shot through the body when he was near our Palisado, it's hoped he may recover, the Lieutenant and Ensign escaped. Our Boats at this time being near *Giles Fort*, could not per- swade the 13 Men to run into the water, they saying the shot flew so thick they should be all kill'd; save one man which swam off, the rest surrendred themselves to the *Moors*, viz. 12 of *Giles Fort*, 30 in *Henrietta*, and 14 and the Boy of *Charles Fort*, in all 57 were made Captives, and about 125 or more slain. The next day the *Alcade* sent in a flag of truce to fetch our dead, whose bodies were accordingly brought in, but without their heads, they being all cut off, which in the afternoon the *Alcade* sent in also. In the *Adventures Boat* was kill'd a Voluntier called *Wray*, Brother to Sir *Boucher Wray*, who was yesterday buried in *Tangier Church*, with his Brother Captain *Irelawny*. The *Moors* are now placing their  
Guns



Guns against *Pools Fort*, and have already sent several shot through the Wall, they have three Guns mounted of several natures, of 9, of 6, and of 3 pounders; it's believed they have brought some from *Arzilla*. We are using all means possible to defend *Pools Fort*, but it is somewhat doubtful it will fall into the Enemies hands, with those so near the Gate, as well *Norwoods Redoubt*, and the other.

May 18. This morning appears in our sight a Battery upon the Hill, *South-west* from *Pools Fort*, and about half a Pistol shot off they have Palisadoed it round, we believe with those we left at *Charles Fort*, and are now hard at work digging. This Battery looks into the upper Castle, and upon my Lords House; they have placed one Gun in it already, 2 or 3 days will shew us the Effect of this, which though it be nigh the *Irish Battery*, yet cannot play upon it, for the brow of the Hill over it. We yet continue to relieve *Pools Fort* every day, but these People having very dextrous Miners from *Algier* and the *Levant* (as is said) it will not be easie to hold any of the Forts; What design they may have upon the Town is uncertain, but to all appearance it is in danger, if they continue in their approaches, except we had men sufficient for to make Sallies, especially Horse; for want of which our Men very much dread theirs: Captain *Moncrefs* and another Captain shot in the Leggs, Lieutenant *Bayly* is shot through the Body which is doubted to be mortal, Ensign *Carr* is shot through the Wrist, these are *Scotch*; Captain *St. John* is likely to recover. This is all the News I can give you, which I know to be plain and downright truth.



## A SECOND JOURNAL

*March 25. 1680.* **O** Mar Ben Haddu Alcaide of Alcaffer, encouraged by former successes, came against *Tangier* with an Army of about seven thousand Men.

*March 26.* He first brake Ground and began to Intrench, the design of the Enemy being to Intrench between *Charles*, *Henrietta*, and *Giles* Forts. His Excellency, our Governour, took all possible care, to furnish them with the best of his Men, with Ammunitions of War and Provisions requisite for five Months Siege, hoping in that time, that either the *Moors* would be tired out, or we furnished with Succours from *England* to raise the Siege. The *Moor* worketh incredibly fast, their Trenches being in all places deep, and in most places treble a mans height. They did not cut off our Communication from the said Forts, until *April* the 8th, all which time we were night and day firing with great and small shot; but they only small.

From the beginning of this Siege, the *Moors* began a Mine from the Southward of *Charles* Fort, and we a Countermine. The Mouth of their Mine was about two hundred Yards from the Fort.

*April 11.* At night, the *Moors* attacked *Henrietta* Fort, designing to sap it. They brought a Shed or Penthouse of Timber against the Walls of the Fort, that under the cover of it, they might digg a hole and so blow it up, but were repelled with a very considerable loss. When this way succeeded not, the *Moors* began a Mine against it, drilling through the Earth as they went, that they might not mistake the Fort.

*April 29.* The Alcaide sent to summon *Charles* Fort, telling them that he had a Mine ready to Spring, and threatening if they refused to surrender, to blow them up with it. Captain *Irelawny* and Captain *St. John*, the Commanders of the Fort, returned this Answer, That he should do his worst, they were sent thither to maintain the Fort, and not to yield it. The Alcaide sent again, desiring them if they would not give credit to the danger he informed them of, they should send out two of their Men to view his Mine. They did so, and upon the return of their Men, they made no other Answer than Vollics of small shot, and displaying of their *English* Colours in defiance.

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About Eight of the Clock that day, the *Moors* Mine sprang, but without success, short at least of the Fort thirty yards.

The *Alcaide* sent to Complement Sir *Palmer Fairbon* upon his *April 30* Arrival, and to tell us; that though this Mine did not take effect, the next night. That he was there for a long Life or a short, and that the King his Master commanded him, not to stir from the Field, till he had taken the Forts, and reduced the Garrison to the condition it was in when the *Portuguez* had it, and that if they had any mind to make an end of the War, they should surrender the besieged Forts, and quit the rest.

The *Moors* played against *Henrietta* Fort with a *Falcon*, Shooting a *May 8* two pound Ball.

*Henrietta* Fort inform'd *Charles* Fort of their distress, the *Moors* *May 11* having a Mine to spring under their Fort, and *Charles* Fort by their Speaking-Trumpet inform'd his Excellency, who presently sent out to the *Alcaide*, to offer the Surrender of *Henrietta* Fort, on condition the Men might return to the Town with Baggage and Baggage, (or at least Naked) the *Alcaide's* answer was, that he wanted not Stone-walls, but Slaves for his Masters Service, that he could Destroy them when he pleased. All that he promised was, that if they would yield, he would give them good Quarter.

The *Moors* played a six Pounder against *Henrietta*, and made a little *May 12* Breach; this night, *Charles* Fort Spake to us in *Irish* that *Henrietta* was distressed, the *Moors* having Intrenched nearer, and begun three Mines, desiring his Excellencies assistance to further their Retreat to the Town.

Resolved at a Council of Warr, that *Charles* Fort be quitted the *May 13* next Morning by seven a Clock, that we should Sally out with about five hundred Men in five parties, Forlorn, Main-body, a Reserve, a Right and a Left Wing, and receive them, to further their Retreat. That the Men of *Giles* Fort should in the Hurry make their escape to the Sea-side, where a Sloop and all the Boats of the Fleet lay ready to receive them. About Eight or Nine at Night *Henrietta* Fort surrendered.

About break of day, the *Moors* Blew up *Henrietta* Fort with their *May 14* Mine. About seven a Clock, the Men of *Charles* Fort having Spiked and Wedged their great Guns, broke their small Arms, put all their Powder, and Hand-Granadoes, into the Countermine, and rendred all the Provision and Ammunition as unserviceable to the Enemy as possibly could be. And having set fire to their Train, made their way towards the *Moorish* Trenches; Captain St. John leading the Van with the *Granadiers*, and Captain *Trelawny* bringing up the Rear, our Forlorn at the same time consisting of Eighty Men, Advancing towards the Trenches. Two Trenches our *Charles* Fort Men safely past, but the third being very deep and watry, and a great number of Enemies pressing on hard upon them, a Hundred and twenty four were there kill'd, Fourteen taken Prisoners, only Forty seven escaped;

among which Captain St. John (but afterwards wounded in the Side) and all the other Officers, except the brave and never enough to be lamented or Commended *Trelawny*. Our Countermine took Fire, and blew up the left *Bastion*, but the *Granadoes* did not. Our Forlorn did bravely under the Command of Captain *Hume*, a Scotch Officer; we kill'd several *Moorish Horse-men*, an *Alcaide* of great note, called *Garboose*, who endeavoured to cut off our Men that escaped the Trenches. When the Forlorn Retreated, one brave *Moor* Charged them all, but his Horse riding over Captain *Hume*, stumbled at him and threw him down, our men Clubb'd their Muskets and presently dispatched him.

In the Forlorn three or four were kill'd several wounded; a Captain Shot in the Legg, and a Lieutenant Shot in the Body; one Man Swam to the Vice-Admiral's Boat from *Giles Fort*, the rest pretending they could not Swim, thought it better to commit themselves to the mercy of the *Moors* than the Sea.

One *Volontier* was kill'd, and about ten Men, and two and twenty Wounded in the Boats.

May 15. We got leave of the *Alcaide* to fetch in our Dead, all miserably Mangled, and without their Heads, which were afterwards brought in to us, and Buried with the Bodies.

May 16. The Enemy from the side of an Hill near *Charles Fort*, played a twelve Pounder against *Pole Fort*, and hit it five or six times.

May 17. The Enemy began a Trench from *Manmoub*, and another from *Pond Fort* (I mean the places where they formerly stood) designing to Intrench between the Town and *Pole Fort*, and *Normoods* redoubt.

May 18. They raised two Batteries, within an Hundred and fifty yards of *Pole Fort*, and Fired twice, but the Flag of truce coming in, all further hostility ceased.

May 19. His Excellency made a Truce with the *Alcaide* for four Months, in in order to a lasting Peace, upon the condition the *Alcaide* was to withdraw his Army and great Guns within three dayes, and to remove his Batterie.

We were in the same time to Demolish *Pole Fort* and *Normoods* redoubt, and to have the liberty of feeding our Cattle within fixt bounds.

May 22. His Excellency had an interview with the *Alcaide*, hoping to win his friendship, by shewing so great a confidence as the trusting his person with him, who entertain'd him civilly, dismiss'd him safely, and saluted him with Nine Guns of *Charles Fort*, which he had Unspiked and Unwedged.

The *Alcaide* drew up all his Army, and made them Fire three great Vollies of small Shot, and so went their wayes.

In the three dayes the *Alcaide* staid after the Truce, we had free intercourse with the *Moors*, they coming freely in to us, and we going securely among them.

Two Boyes belonging to our Garrison, and a Seaman, went out and turn'd *Moors*.



One of our Men belonging to *Henrietta Fort* is turn'd *Moor*, and made Master Gunner.

A *Moor* run away to us, who informs us, that the *Moors* have lost *May 24.* three *Alcaides*, and several *Almuckades*, that is, Captains, a great many *Moors* kill'd, two died of their Wounds the day he came in, that the *Alcaide* had drawn his great Guns into a Wood in sight of us, where he left them till his next return, which would be shortly after the expiration of the Truce.

In the whole service, we had about an Hundred and fixty Men kill'd: Fifty three taken Slaves, among which is Lieutenant *Wilson*, Commander of *Henrietta Fort*.

The *Moors* grow a formidable Enemy, being improved in all the Arts of War, as Mining, Sapeing, Intrenching, Scaling and Battering.

In *Charles Fort* they took thirteen great Guns, seven they had taken formerly from other Forts.

They have a Morter-piece likewise taken in *Charles Fort*, and three thousand three hundred hand Granadoes, with an incredible number of great Shot, part from *Charles Fort*, the rest which we have in many years Shot at them, which they carefully gather'd up and kept.

After the expiration of this Truce, it is to be feared, they will not only Batter the Town from *Pole Fort*, an overlooking piece of Ground, but from a Battery on the sand Hills, will hinder all imbarcation riding in the Mould, from whence also they may Batter down all the Houses and Stables on the Mould.

We have three Forts left, as *Cambridge*, *Fountain*, and *Bridges Fort*, which be not defensible, when it shall please the Enemy to design to reduce them.

So that we shall be brought to the condition the *Portuguez* were in, but we can't bring the *Moors* to the same they were in, being in my short abode of four years here, from a cowardly and inconsiderable Enemy, turn'd to a puissant and formidable Foe.

All that we have to hope is these three things; either that the *Moors* will make a Peace with us, as the *Alcaide* seems inclined, or that the King of the Countrey will be engaged in civil Wars, and so have other occasion to imploy his Force, or that our King will send such strong recruits, as we may Sally out and beat them from their Trenches and great Guns, when next they Besiege us.

The number of our Soldiers is few, but of Fighting Men much less, many being superannuated, but more disabled by Debauchery. The Freemen be not to be trusted in case of distress, they being not under Military Command.

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